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FOR WHITE HOUSE - AMBASSADOR HENRY OWEN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, EFIN
SUBJECT: BONN SUMMIT

REF: PARIS 19767

1. ON MY RETURN TO BRUSSELS JUNE 22 I READ WITH GREAT INTEREST WALT ROSTOW'S CABLE TO YOU (REFTEL) NOTING THAT HIS THINKING APPEARS TO TRACK CLOSELY WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AN ENERGY INITIATIVE AT THE SUMMIT WHICH I MADE IN MARCH IN BRUSSELS 4285. I HOPE YOU WILL BE PURSUING THIS FURTHER IN BONN NEXT WEEK.

2. MY ONLY PROBLEM WITH ROSTOW'S CABLE IS THE EMPHASIS HE PUTS ON THE NEED FOR THE PROGRAM IN ORDER TO REDUCE IMPORTS FROM OPEC. IF IT IS PRESENTED TO THE EUROPEANS
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IN THOSE TERMS, I FEAR WE RISK LAPSING INTO THE OLD DEBATE ABOUT WHETHER THE PROPOSAL IS CONFRONTATIONAL. IT WOULD SELL BETTER AS A MEANS OF CONSERVING OIL, REDUCING IMPORTS (FROM ALL SOURCES), AND IN THE TERMS OF POINTS B, C, AND D OF PARA 2 OF WALT'S CABLE. HINTON

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